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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Estimate of Capabilities of Subversive Elements to Reduce Petroleum Production in Selected Countries.

1. The Army-Navy Petroleum Board is preparing studies on the immediate availability of petroleum products to the US Armed Forces in the event of war with the USSR. One of the factors under consideration is the capability of enemy agents and anti-US elements for reducing the amount available by acts of sabotage and by inciting strikes and labor unrest.

2. It is requested that the Central Intelligence Agency provide the Army-Navy Petroleum Board with estimates of the presence of subversive elements and their capabilities vis a vis the production, processing, and transportation of petroleum and petroleum products in the following areas:

- a. United Kingdom
- b. Canada
- c. Mexico
- d. Panama
- e. Venezuela
- f. Colombia
- g. Curacao
- h. Aruba

3. To be of assistance to the Board, estimates should be received by it not later than 10 April 1948.

4. The facilities and files of the Board are at the disposal of CIA.

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